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FIVE CENTS.

# LAKE PROMISED TAKING A LOOK BACK

Aviation Competition.

E. A. Newman Able to Provide Gaynor's Course Has Disappointed Plenty of Water.

FLIGHTS MADE YESTERDAY HIS ELECTION IS PROBABLE

Lieut. Humphreys Conducts Two Bannard Escapes Attack-Hearst's With Lieut. Lahm as Passenger.

Plans for Future.

Commenting upon the possible advan- Special From a Staff Correspondent. they may want up to fifty acres.

The present aviation field is close to the able city campaign of many years pracponds of the aquarium company, and by tically came to an end. Whatever comes removing a small line of trees the ground off Monday night will only be by way of could be brought into one flat piece. The "Tiger"-the three cheers have been biggest lake there now covers three or given. lake on the property. This would give coloriess and letting the other fellows a body of water in this region bigger show their yellow streaks. than anything except the Potomac itself in case there are any aquatic contests or machines that want water on which

### Two Flights Yesterday.

There were only two flights by the phreys was the operator and Lieut. Lahm and business training. the passenger. This probably was due to the fact that yesterday was Lieut. Hum-Corps by the War Department. He is industry, of the "vested interests." due to report at the War College next Corps. This event has been put forward stranger in the railway station who ofabout four years. It is not the custom fers him a courtesy, having read of "con" to assign an officer permanently to the men. And the democrats who will sup-Signal Corps under the rank of a first port Judge Gaynor against their inclinalieutenant, and it is thought the hurry- tion hesitate to take Mr. Bannard being of his "step" possibly means his cause he is a republican. further appointment to a four-year term of duty with the sky pilots.

On the other hand it is posible that the about due for duty in the Philippines. It to his political backers. Many of his may be, however, that as there are very friends and supporters say to one another few men capable of running the aero- that he is a testy, censorious, indelicate plane he may be retained for duty in this of speech, quick to anger, obstinate and Former Partner of J. S. Morgan

Fifteen Minutes in Air.

The first flight was made at the park yesterday afternoon at 4:15 and lasted for normally is in the majority in Greater fifteen minutes. It was made at a low New York, is backed by the most perfect altitude and was without especial inci- political machine on earth, which thus far dent. Mr. Wright was there, but merely probably he will be elected. . Many as a spectator. He left the aviators to thoughtful democrats think that if elected their own devices. There were a couple he will find his office uncongenial and of false starts made, as the wind was in will give it up before he is half through the wrong direction. The starting rail with his term. was switched around to obviate this difficulty, and as soon as the direction of the rail was changed the wind changed too. It is the hope of some of the officers tached to the machine, so that a start grant him that. He announced his cancan be made without either the rail or didacy at a time to threaten Tammany the weight tower. But the Wrights have in its tenderest spot, the possible defeat never been willing to try the scheme. There will be a number of changes and experiments when the officers get to managing the machine alone. One of the wants to try a muffler on the enterminant of the man who ence had run against the ma gine te make greater secrecy in night flights, and there are to be some attempts made at high flights, as the usefumess of the machine from a military standpoint will be greatly increased by the ability to attain high altitudes.

## STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

#### One Beached-Other Escapes Damage-50 Passengers Rescued.

Special Dispatch to The Star. WILMINGTON, Del., October 30 .- The steamer Brandywine, bound from Phila-Ulrica, bound from this city for Fenns Grove, N. J., collided in the Christiana beached to prevent sinking. There were fifty persons aboard of her and they were all rescued by the Brandywine. No one was injured, although the escapes were narrow and great excitement prevailed.

The Brandywine was not damaged. The plot of the Ulrica, it is said, failed to heed the signa's of the other craft The Ulrica crashed into the boat from Philadelphia, the impact cutting a deep gash in the former's side above and below the water line. When the Ulrica was within a few yards of the Brandywine the pilot of the latter, it is said, called out several times, "Where are you go-This, however, had no effect. Had the accident occurred on the Delaware river, which is two miles wide off Wilmington, the Ulrica would doubtless have been lost. There were three hundred people on the Brandywine.

## CONSISTORY MAY CONVENE.

# Among the Possibilities.

Special Cablegram to The Star. ROME. October 30.-It is probable, but officeholder. by no means certain, that a consistory will be held next month for the appointment of two cardinals. It is quite certain times uses to put forward for its purthat the patriarch of Lisbon and the poses. He is a gentleman in blood and nuncio at Vienna will be appointed. Other candidates are mentioned, but none of them is likely to be appointed. No siastic, altruistic. The New York Post foreigners are mentioned as probable says of him "a good type of the respectcandidates. The elevation of no Ameri- able Tammany candidate whose name can archbishop is thought probable for the present. The pope would be willing. His opponent is Charles S. Whitman to create another American cardinal, but he feels the difficulty of selecting one out of several equally deserving of the been a police magistrate and a persistent honor. It is likely when the appoint- opponent of graft, of gambling and of ment of an American cardinal is decided pull in the police force. He is a lawyer upon the choice will depend upon senior- and has been free from domination of ity, the honor thus falling on Archbishop the interests and the machine.

## HOLDS DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE tacular. Newport News Judge Decides Sav-

ings Bank Case. NORFOLK, Va., October 30 .- Judge Ingam of Richmond at Newport News today decided that Dr. C. Perkins, A. P. Puiliam and Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, holder succeeds to the mayoralty in case Savings Bank, are responsible to the de- republican candidate and John F. Galvin positors to the extent of \$37,289.25 be- the Tammany man. Both are good cause they failed, it is alleged, to see clean business men. In case of a "show-that the affairs of the institution were down" in the board of estimate on tracproperly conducted. Other directors are tion affairs, contracts and expenditures absolved from responsibility. years ago. The case will be appealed he was allied in sentiment. to the superior court of Virginia.

Meeting the Need of National Review of the Remarkable New York Campaign.

AN AREA OF FIFTY ACRES WORK PRACTICALLY OVER

His Friends.

Attitude Wins Plaudits-Person-

ality of the Minor Candidates.

tage in having water for certain aero- NEW YORK, October 30 .- When the nautic flights in case the international last red fire flared out tonight, when the aviation meet is held here, E. A. New- last shout died away in hundreds of halls man, one of the owners of the ground about town and the last campaign enused as the aviation field at College thusiast, hoarse, but happy turned up Park, declares he is prepared to furnish his coat collar and trudged homewardthe promoters of the meet as big a lake by way of Hooly's Cafe for a nightcap and to talk it over-the most remark-

four acres, but Mr. Newman says if the Efforts in the campaign for the most projectors of the carnival want water part have been devoted not to exploiting flights it would be perfectly feasible to how worthy the mayoralty candidates throw several of the lakes together, and are, but how unworthy-always excepting if there were any object to be subserved Candidate Bannard from this category, it would be easy enough to make a big his role having been principally to being

And to think the worst they could say about Mr. Bannard was that he was unknown. They could not dig up a single financial, moral or social scandal on him. In the few short weeks of the campaign he has demonstrated by his course and Wright aeroplane at Coilege Park yes- speeches the pos don of good sense, terday afternoon. On both Lieut: Hum- good humor, conseidatism, good judgment

Why, then, isn't he far and beyond the favorite? Because of the radical element which fixes upon Mr. Hearst for a candiphreys' last day on the aviation detail, date, now that Mr. Bannard is the choice unless he is reassigned to the Signal of the ultra-conservatives of capital and They are just naturally conscious of week for his examination in the Engineer him as the Reuben is of the well-dressed

Gaynor Disappointing.

Judge Gaynor has proven a bitter disdetail will lose the services of Lieut appointment to his friends and a burden lacking in magnetism, because of excessive ego. This is not my opinion; I am mly repeating what they say of him. But he is the candidate of a party which

has discovered no reason to cut him, and

Hearst's Clever Course.

Mr. Hearst has admittedly made clever campaign. His political opponents of its minor offices and loss of the board him for mayor, William M. Ivins. Mr Ivins took back all he had ever said against him and declared him a grand

man. That was rehabilitation. Then he aroused the enthusiasm of thousands of his old-time adherents and their shouts were sweet music in his He found opportunity to keep himself before the public and that is not bad policy for a man yet young who has had no political ambition gratified.

Mr. Hearst's course leads to the suggestion that he has had some mighty good followed it. He has made no mistakes, of thousands of dollars to the city's milk may take some action to curtail foot has been a dignified, consistent advocate delphia for Wilmington and the steamer of the uplift and has eschewed appeals to the mob such as marked his conduct in some other campaigns in which he was a candidate. He has been patient under abuse when speaking from the stage and only in the cartoons in his newspapers has he taken the hide off the Tiger with vitriol.

Whatever the outcome of the campaign, Mr. Hearst will be justified in quoting the destroyed the People's Theater building was in the grandstand when the acci- ed southward at high speed. expression of an eminent person, now upappily absent from our midst, "I have had a perfectly corking time."

Minor Candidates.

Of the candidates for the next ranking offices, none of them has been a target quite big enough to draw the fire of the for controller (with three votes in the board of estimate) Robert Moore, would the Textile National Bank. It is said be the kind of man Tammany would se- \$500,000 in cash and an equal amount of tion tonight: lect. No political record, for five years securities were removed from the vaults president of the New Amsterdam National Bank and said to have had friendly re- the tire to a place of safety. lations with the contracting firm of which Boss Murphy's brother-in-law is a member. No charges against him, a gentleman and a thorough "business man." His opponent, William Prendergast, is at \$60,000. an orator-politician-business man. If he Appointment of Two Cardinals remarked it was a fine day he would de it with an air and with hand in vest. He has a fine record in the community as a business man, director in institutions and

> The Tammany candidate for district attorney-George Gordon Battle-is another type of the man Tammany somebreeding, graduate of the University of Virginia, a lawyer with an absolutely clean record in politics, young, enthu-His opponent is Charles S. Whitman, a republican, forty-one years of age, with a good record in local politics. He has

> Good citizenship, it is recognized, stands to benefit whichever of these candidates wins, so their campaign is not very spec-

Head of Board of Aldermen. The contest over the office of president of the board of aldermen is significant

only in its political and not personal aspect. This office has three votes in the board of estimate, and, furthermore, the as directors of the defunct Newport News of vacancy. John Purroy Mitchell is the their views would diverge and each would Irwin Tucket, former cashier of the follow the dictates of his conscience and institution, committed suicide several support the interests of those with whom From these offices the candidates run



HALLOWEEN-ANCIENT AND MODERN.

down the gamut of smaller positions with smaller men, who come under all sorts of descriptions from the man of mediocrity without adverse allegation to him of whom it is said "his candidacy is a disgrace; his defeat a public duty. In point of fact the minor nominations this year are of a shade higher character than four years ago. Despite the outcries of the reformers, people who know say that New York politics is growing cleaner, New York city administration N. O. M.

COL. S. E. PEABODY DEAD. Company of London.

SALEM, Mass., October 30 .- Col. S Endfoott Peabody, formerly a banker of international reputation, died tonight at Kernwood, his estate here.

Col. Peabody was formerly a partner FATHER WITNESSES ACCIDENT in the American banking firm of J. S Morgan & Co., of London, which was successor to the firm of George Peabody Former Chief of Police of Buffalo & Co. From 1875 to 1901 Col Peabody resided in London.

On his return to this country he became a director of the American Loan and Trust Company of Boston and was afterward its president. He was born in

TO PAY MORE FOR MILK.

Price Jumps to 9 Cents a Quart in Gotham After Monday.

NEW YORK, October 30 .- New York's millions will have to pay high record prices for their milk after Monday next. Today it was announced that the price of mi'k would be raised then from 8 to 9 cents a quart.

The reason advanced is that feed is so high that the farmers' demands have put up wholesale rates to a point where the dealers cannot sell at the old price and make a profit. The advance will add tens

WATCHMAN IN THE RUINS. People's Theater Building in Phil-

adelphia Burned. PHILADELPHIA, October 30 .- Several

in the northeastern section of this city, dent occurred. had been extinguished searchers found the years, a watchman, who had been employed in the place.

It is believed he was suffocated by smoke before he could escape from the cupled by a number of tenants, including of the institution, during the progress of The auditorium of the People's Theater was saved from the flames, but was badly damaged by water. Three firemen were severely hurt. The loss is estimated diagnosis.

Maryland and New York.

Byrne Paralyzed as Result of Foot Ball Scrimmage.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Curtailment of Athletics by Government Apprehended.

in Grandstand When Son

Is Hurt. WEST POINT, N. Y., October 30 .- Eugene A. Byrne of Buffalo, N. Y., of the

senior class, United States Military Academy, tackle on the varsity foot ball the day. This proved to be incorrect. eleven, lies in the cadet hospital tonight, semi-conscious and partly paralyzed, be cause of injuries he received today in the Fullback Seriously Injured in Phil-Army game with Harvard, when he was subjected to terrific pressure in a scrim-His condition is critical.

The accident, following so closely upon the injury to Midshipman Wilson, who sustained a fracture of the fifth vertebra at Annapolis, two weeks ago today, has aroused a feeling of uneasiness among the cadets that the government No announcement to this effect ball. was made at West Point tonight, how

## Father Witnesses Accident.

Young Byrne was twenty years old in

body of Isaac Taylor, aged seventy-one on the field, he sprang from his seat and ran to the group of players who surrounded the injured boy. He has remained at his bedside ever since. Mrs. Byrne was notified of the accident tonight. She will arrive in West Point in

the morning. Col. Hugh L. Scott, superintendent of the Military Academy, issued the following statement on young Byrne's condi-

"In the case of Cadet Byrne, the cadet has partial paralysis of respiration. This function is being assisted artificially. "His condition is such as to preclude the possibility of a thorough examina

ELECTION NIGHT BULLETINS.

building upon which will be shown Tuesday night the results

of the political contest in Maryland, where a memorable fight

is in progress; the triangular mayoralty struggle in New York

city and the elections in Virginia and Ohio and a number of

"off year," there are intensely interesting situations in Ohio.

stitution be adopted by the voters of the nearby state?

The Star will erect a mammoth screen in front The Star

Although this is what is known in political parlance as an

Will Tammany succeed in its fight for life in New York?

Will the disfranchising amendment to the Maryland con-

Who will come out ahead in the rapid-fire fight in Cleve-

These are queries that will be answered on The Star's

screen Tuesday night. The returns will be received direct from

the polling places by Associated Press dispatches, by Western

Union and Postal bulletins, by messages over the long-distance

telephone and by specials from staff and special correspondents.

The Star building Tuesday night and learn the results.

All Washington and vicinity are invited to assemble at

The service will be complete in every detail.

#### and Capt. J. W. Hanner, are attending the injured player. They hope for his ultimate recovery. Young Byrne weighs 176 pounds. He was strong and robust, as his position as tackle on the Army team demanded.

Gandy, in charge of the hospital here,

How Accident Occurred.

The accident occurred today after ten minutes of play in the second half, during a mass play by Harvard through

Byrne and Purnell, the Army's left tackle and left guard, respectively. The Crimson attack, led by Fish and Fisher, Harvard's right tackle and guard, struck Byrne victously. He was forced to the ground. The players piled over him. When the mass untangled itself he was found lying un-

conscious. Surgeons immediately began their attempts to revive him. The paralysis of the respiratory organs was probably

caused by either pressure or a blow on the solar plexus. Oxygen was quickly administered. The injured cadet was taken to the hospital,

where every effort was exerted to facilitate his breathing. The fact that a complete diagnosis has not been made leaves the possibility that Byrne may have been injured internally. The surgeons are hopeful, but his condition is nevertheless extremely grave. The accident has created a marked depression throughout the academy. was first reported that Byrne's neck was

## HIS SKULL FRACTURED.

adelphia Game.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 30 .- As the result of injuries received in a foot ball game here this afternoon, Michael Burke, twenty-four years old, is in a critical condition at a hospital. Burke was fullback on one of two scrub teams of the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. and received a frac-

#### ture of the skuil in a scrimmage. BALLOON GETS AWAY.

Photographer Takes . Unexpected Trip From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 30 .- While July last, and is a son of John Byrne, A. Pillsbury was taking photographs of slightly better than fifty-eight miles an former chief of police of Buffalo and ex- the water front today, from a captive hours after a fire which today practically sheriff of Erie county, N. Y. The father balloon, the big bag broke loose and sail-

A dispatch from Newark, late this When he saw his son lying unconscious afternoon, stated that Pillsbury landed scribed in 3 hours 10 minutes and 21 2-5 safely at that place.

Pillsbury wanted some panoramic views of the water front and engaged the balloon as the most practicable method of taking them. The great bag was lastened to a launch, which followed the movements of the balloon. With his work finished, Pillsbury signaled to the crew of the launch to pull the balloon in. Only a few feet of the cable connecting it with the boat had been taken up when the cable snapped.

The balloon ascended to a great height and flew rapidly away. tion for the purpose of making a definite COTTON MILLS ON SHORT TIME.

Nearly 20,000 Operatives. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 30.-At a

county, held at Burlington today, it was unanimously resolved to curtail production to the extent of two days a week, or one-third time, until February next. The agreement goes into effect immediately, and every mill in the county to

the number of twenty-six signed up. In the aggregate nearly 200,000 spindles and 6,000 looms are affected and nearly 20,000 operatives.

### QUITS ST. PAUL NEWSPAPERS. C. H. Grasty Transfers Interests Ac-

quired a Year Ago to Old Owner. ST. PAUL, Minn., October 30 .- C. H. Grasty, who a year ago purchased an interest in the St. Paul Dispatch from George Thompson, announced editorially in the Dispatch today the sale of his interest and those of his associates in the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press to Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Grasty in his statement says: "I have sold to George Thompson the stock in the Dispatch Printing Company purchased from him by my associates and day. Mr. Thompson thus becomes the sole owner of the Dispatch and Pioneer Press. While I have been the active head of the Dispatch Printing Company since November, Mr. Thompson and I have been in the fullest accord, and the only public significance of my sale to him is that he will henceforth personally assume the management of the Dispatch and Pioneer Press."

## CUP RACE MUDDLED WATERWAYS BONDS ADVOCATED BY TAFT Grant Awarded Vanderbilt

Classic After Rumpus.

Parker, Second, Threatened to Pro-

MISTAKE MADE BY TIMERS

test, But Gives Way.

PATRON ROWS WITH OFFICIALS

Numerous But Insignificant Acci-

dents-Three Simultaneous Races Confuse Records. NEW YORK, October 30 .- The fifth Vanderbilt cup race was won today by

278.08 miles was 4 hours 25 minutes 42 seconds, an average speed of 62.8 miles an hour. Edward H. Parker, driving a forty-fivehorsepower Fiat, finished second, 5 min-

power Alco car, the only six-cylinder ma-

chine in the race. His time for the

utes and 15 seconds behind Grant. William Knipper, driving a forty-horsepower Chalmers-Detroit, was in third place when the race was declared ended

by the officers in chargé. Two other cars, the Mercedes, driven by Wishart, an amateur, and the Atlas, driven by Knox, were the only remaining machines among the fifteen entrants for the Vanderbilt trophy which were still on the course at the end of the

Contest Is Spiritless.

the level of an ordinary stock car event, ice men and police officers. was tame and spiritless. The winner's average speed, 62.8 miles an hour, was a greeting President Kavanaugh of the disappointment to many, who had ex- Waterways Association, and then bowed cted that the mark made by Robertson in his Locomobile last year, 64.3 miles an hour, would be excelled Although accidents to cars were numer-

ous, and one after another was retired by the failure of machinery or by disasters at some of the dangerous turns, no one-either contestant or spectator-suffered any serious injury. Weather and road conditions were un

a par with that at former Vanderbilt cup races, the most optimistic estimates placing the crowd at less than 150,000.

Contest Is Muddled. Poor management and lack of official judgment marred the race from beginning

to end. One of the worst instances of this occurred just before the finish, when it was suddenly discovered that the official timers had omitted to credit Grant's Alco with its twentieth lap. When he came round on his twenty-

first lap it was at first recorded as the twentieth. As he came in sight for his twenty-second and final round the mistake was noticed and the score board was hastily corrected. Grant's name was moved up from third place to first. The starter rushed out on

the track to wave the checkered flag, which indicated that the driver had finished the race Because of this hitch Grant's victory remained clouded for several hours after the conclusion of the contest. It was not

until after a stormy meeting at the Garden City Hotel between Mr. Vanderbilt and the officials that Grant was finally E. H. Parker, who was at the wheel of the Fiat, to which the timers had by broken and that he could not live through

their blunder awarded first position throughout the twenty-first lap, demanded a rigid investigation of the scoring and timing methods. For a while Parker threatened to file

an official protest on the ground that he had materially reduced his efforts dur-

had the race well in hand. Three Events Confusing.

two lesser contests for cars of moderate not give it to them. power. These small cars remained on the course for ten and fifteen laps, rethe big cars and making the task of the timers a puzzling one In the shorter of these two races, the

Massapequa sweepstakes. Joe Matson, how long it will take and what the result driving a twenty-five-horsepower Chal- will be. Once that is done you can commers-Detroit, finished first, covering the 126.4 miles in 2 hours 9 minutes and 52 2-5 seconds. His average speed was The fifteen-lap race for the Wheatley

Hills cup was won by R. W. Harroun. driving a thirty-two-horsepower Marmon, who completed the 189.6 miles preseconds. His average speed was 59.8 miles an hour.

#### Star Performers Lose Out. The two best known drivers entered in

the Vanderbilt cup race-Lewis Strang. piloting a Fiat, and Louis Chevrolet, driving a Buick-were among the first to they are not confined to the shoals, sand be put out of the running by accidents banks and the bends. We are here withto their cars. Strang came to grief before completing

his second lap, smashing his radiator.

Chevrolet began well, rounding the 12.64 mile circuit race in 9 minutes 57 seconds, but a broken cylinder forced him to quit the race in the fifth lap. With these star performers eliminated Two army surgeons, Lieut. Col. C. M. Move to Curtail Production Affects the contest for the next six laps became struggle between the two Chalmers-Detroits, driven by William Knipper and

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 30.-At a L. B. Lorimer. The two alternated in meeting of all the cotton mills of Ilmance the lead until the thirteenth lap, when Lorimer's machine came to grief. Knipper, however, kept in front until well into the twentieth lap, when the the change of the character of trans-Alco overtook him. In the next round Knipper dropped back into third place.

#### CENTURY AUTO RECORD. Hundred Miles in 1.41.25 Made by Robert Furman.

DALLAS, Tex., October 30 .- Two rectomobile races here today. Robert Furman, in a thirty-horsepower portation, to wit, bulky merchandise, that

ing 100 miles in 1 hour 41 minutes and it is today. The other accomplishment was the breaking of the mile record for singlecylinder motor cycles. Armstrong, on an Excelsior, made a mile in 1.023-5, de-clared to be the fastest mile ever made

by a single-cylinder machine on a dirt

Son of Gen. Funston Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., October 30.-Jen. Funston's oldest boy, Arthur Mc-Arthur Funston, died suddenly today of myself last November, and my active heart failure at the home of his grand- made in the last thirty or forty years connection with the company ceases to- father, Otto Blankart, in Oakland. He in reference to river improvement? Now was eight years old. Mrs. Funston left for Kansas City only three days ago to join her husband at Fort Leavenworth.

Dinner in Honor of White.

PARIS, October 30 .- M. Pichon, the foreign minister, gave a dinner tonight in can be done with river navigation, the honor of Henry White, the retiring Amer- government exercises control and says ican ambassador.

Right Schemes of Development Will Command Congress, He Intimates.

PLANS AND ESTIMATES IN ORDER, HE SUGGESTS

Women of New Orleans Likely to Blind Issue.

PAYS COMPLIMENT TO CHARMS

Harry F. Grant, driving a sixty-horse- President Greeted With Cheers and College Yells at Lakes-to-Gulf

Deep Waterways Convention.

NEW ORLEANS, La., October 30 .-President Taft celebrated the successful termination of his trip down the Mississippi river today by addressing the delegates to the convention of the Lakesto-the-Gulf Deep Waterways Association. which has as its object the improvement of the Mississippi river and its tribu-

On the arrival of the President delegates and visitors sprang to their feet. Many mounted their chairs in order to get a better view of the bowing, smil-Compared with previous Vanderbilt cup ing, big man who was working his way races, the contest this year, reduced to through the double line of secret serv-

He stood on the platform a moment,

his appreciation of the applause. Cheers and Yale Yells.

President Kavanaugh presented him with a handsome gold badge, and then introduced Gov. Sanders of Louisiana, who, in turn, introduced the President. The applause broke out again, and was surpassed. Attendance was scarcely on reinforced with some vigorous Yale yells. When it died away President Taft commenced his address.

The President began by having a little fun regarding the trip down the river. He said that "dangers great had all been run," and that the fleet had come through without the loss of a single man. Mr. Taft taunted the congressmen and governors for having resorted to the hu-

miliating device of land transportation at one stage of the journey. The President declared that no progress had been made in river navigation in this country in the last forty or forty-five years. The waterways of this country, Mr. Taft declared, must be used even-

tually to carry the bulk of heavy merchandise The President's declaration that he favored the issuance of bonds for carrying out the Ohio river improvement as one of the approved projects of inland waterways called out a burst of applause. The Ohio river improvement will

cost \$63,000,000. Mr. Taft said that he also favored bonds for all other improvements, including the Mississippi, just as soon as a feasible project can be decided upon and can be shown to be necessary and justifiable. The Ohio river gives the bulk of business to the Mississippi, the President declared, and every improvement of a tributary tends to increase the value of the great highway to the gulf.

Planning Now in Order.

The President told of the improvements to the Mississippi on the way down, and ing the final minutes of the contest especially in protecting the banks from a through the mistaken impression that he further sloughing off at the outside of the bends. The engineers say they need \$2,000,000 more a year to carry on this The early part of the race was badly beneficial work as it ought to be carried muddled by the simultaneous running of on, and that it was a shame Congress did

In conclusion President Taft declared that the time for oratory was past and spectively, passing and being passed by that it was now time to get down to brass

"It is now up to you gentlemen to decide what you want, what it will cost, mand, not ask.

He paid a compliment to the women of New Orleans and predicted that if the delegates to the convention remained here two or three days they would forget that

#### there was such a thing as a river. The President's Address.

President Taft said: "I am 'delighted' to be present-you see we adopt in our administration the Roosevelt policies to the full-and to hear the

highly honorable delegation that has come from St. Louis to the gulf. "We have passed through all the dangers of the navigation of the river, and out the loss of a single man.

"There are some few of us who have braved the whole way. I hesitate to speak of those who resorted to the humiliating device of taking land transportation to get here! I hope that will be suppressed in the minutes of this meeting. "When Uncle Joe addresses your honorable body don't ask him where he left

the river and when he got back to it. Epoch in Transportation. "But, jesting aside, our coming indicates what we hope may be an epoch in

portation in this country. "Do not misunderstand me. I don't think that we are going to fill the bosom of the Mississippi with barges and ocean

steamers tomorrow morning. "The change which is bound to be effected with respect to that stream will come gradually. It will come with the ords were broken in the state fair au- demand that is certainly growing for an improvement in our transportation and the cheapening of that kind of trans-

Buick, established a new mark by driv- ought to be carried more cheaply than "We have seen human ingenuity developed to the highest degree in the growth of our railroad transportation and the economy of the conduct of railroads. But the condition of our rivers, the apparently hopeless task of naking them useful, has turned the public attention from them and thera sn't, in reference to river construc-

> last forty years. No Progress in Forty Years.

tion or river navigation, that improve-

ment that we ought to have had in the

"I ask you what progress has been we have reached a point where we are bound to use these streams because the amount of freight that is required to be carried will necessitate it.

"In Germany and in foreign countries. to which we are pointed to show what